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1. Though Rumanian resistance leaders are encouraged by events abroad, severe Soviet reprisals have reduced their numbers at least 15 percent. The resistance includes: old members of the Iron Guard in big cities, former career officers and government employees, intellectuals, priests, teachers, business men who are loyal to the King, workers who take great risks to pass on information, and peasants especially in Transylvania and along the Black Sea. The Iron Guard members, workers and peasants are the groups most likely to remain loyal to the West.
2. Timisoara-Nadlac-Paclisa-Arad: This is the best organized resistance area, counting about 200 responsible leaders and several hundred partisans ready for action. Nothing is known of their equipment. Soviet control of this area is by an under-strength division, including motorized and light artillery and motorized antiaircraft guns.
3. Transylvania from Cluj to Stalin (Brasov): Estimates are difficult, but it is probable that 70 percent of the outdoor workers are partisan sympathizers, 15 percent Communists, the rest indifferent.
4. Sibiu-Stalin-Floesti: Resistance is small in numbers but vigorous. There are about 2,000 active members, who could, however, stir up 15,000 more.
5. Floesti-Galati-Constanta: Best resistance leaders are here. Perhaps 5,000 men are working with them plus thousands of sympathizers who sometimes assist in acts of sabotage. The resistance groups have much difficulty keeping in touch with each other.
6. Craiova-Bucharest: The area is highly militarized by the Soviets, whose troops are constantly on the move. Resistance here is merely local and not coordinated.

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7. Larger cities: The resistance is not over 30 percent of the population. People are much cowed by purges in the larger cities.

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